



Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: June 16, 2021

Location: Odyssey Cafeteria and Teleconference

Start Time: Public Meeting at 6:00 PM (live and via zoom, see below invite)

Attendance: President Elias Rigas (ER), Vice President Anamaria Anagnostou (AA), Vice President Erin Allard (EA), Treasurer Rodrigo Torres, (RT), Secretary Ken Przywara (KP), Paul Brooks (PB), Valerie Caras (VC), Helen Anderson (HA), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Georgia Halakos (GH), Maryann Yarram (MY)

Agenda¹

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
 - Previous minutes April 21st presented
 - **Motion** to Approve minutes as presented MY 1st and EJ 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Previous minutes May 19th presented
 - **Motion** to Approve minutes as presented EJ 1st and MY 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Previous minutes June 2nd presented
 - **Motion** to Approve minutes as presented MY 1st and PB 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Previous minutes June 10th presented
 - **Motion** to Approve minutes as presented MY 1st and EJ 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Scholarships Eva Jannelli
 - The AHEPA, Yiannos, Skoutelas Memorial Scholarship \$1,500
 - Nidhi Patel – Going to Temple Honors Program for premed
 - a. Nidhi visited the school earlier, and provided a tour of the campus to the Mrs. Skoutelas, her mother, and daughter Charissa. Mrs. Skoutelas was able to present her the scholarship check. She is honored to be awarded this scholarship
 - Joshua McCrae – Going to Cornell for Electrical and Computer Engineering
 - a. Joshua joined from his dorm room at Cornell. He said he was honored to receive this gift to further his education.
 - Public Comments Val Caras
 - Marie Humphrey had some questions regarding the new grading system, and is looking for clarification on its implementation.

¹ All agenda items are potential action items for which a vote may be taken.



- Head of School Report, Elias Pappas
 - Covid update – on-site testing will continue to be available
 - All staff and children 12+ are encouraged to get vaccinated
 - More than 91% of the staff have completed both vaccinations.
 - Delaware Public Health and Quidel has select OCS as a pilot school for this testing program, more details will follow.
 - The plan is to open fully with in person instruction this fall
 - Fundraising – the Flagpole Fundraising. The goal is to raise over \$80,000. The first pair of flagpoles are up, in front of building 21. Please encourage your friends, family, and now local businesses to get involved in supporting OCS.
 - Culture Focus – A parent education series will move to the fall, and throughout the year. These will cover an array of topics like grading policy, equity, and mental health.
 - OCS 4th Dimension diversity, equity, and inclusion training has been completed with the board and senior staff. These action steps will become part of our long term planning.
 - Graduation celebrations enjoyed beautiful weather, and joyous event. These events were successes, with more than 600 attendees at each. Thanks to the army of volunteers that helped make the year end a success.
 - Food Service provided 26,476 meals in May
 - OCS voted top school in Northern Delaware by 2021 First State Favorites.
 - Lower School – 158 kindergarteners attended graduation in person.
 - Intermediate School – Field Day was turned inside as thunderstorms rolled a thought. The students and staff turned it into a success. 5th graders enjoyed a moving up week, getting a sneak peek at next year’s classrooms.
 - Middle School – Movie Night under the stars was a huge success
 - Curriculum is expanding with a new program for grades 6-12
 - High School Update – College applications submitted by our seniors, 195, with 71% applying to at least 1 school. Merit scholarships of over \$1.6 million has been offered to 33% of our students. 106 acceptances in 13 states.
 - We graduated all 60 Senior students.
 - We are poised to have the largest Freshman class ever.
 - Visual Branding – Our soccer field has been branded, we will be installing additional signage, as well as bleachers. We will be removing all old DuPont branding from our campus.
 - Transportation - Summer learning routes will be published
 - Summer programs are beginning and look for details.
 - Special Ed, MTSS, and ESY trainings and invitations are being addressed



- Financial Review – Jeff Koss
 - Final revenues are \$33,035,138
 - ARP/ESSR III/ ESSR II funds are \$1,319,372
 - Federal funds will be differentiated as it is restricted funding in the budget going forward
 - June monthly report presented
 - **Motion** to approve monthly report as presented. AA 1st and MY 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Greek Program - Dr. Marina Mattheoudakis
 - Kangaroo Math a Greek math competition include 47 students. We had exceptional results from 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades. The questions are in Greek, and conceptually difficult. Our students have worked since January to prepare.
 - CBOC – Evan Winokur
 - No report this evening
4. Committee Reports
- Immersion - Dr. Marina Mattheoudakis
 - Introduced the new immersion teachers. Discussed the expansion to grade 5 in 2022, the needs of the teachers, and students. We discussed the curricula needs of the program.
 - Fundraising – Maryann Yarram
 - We are looking to get some consultants engaged to pull all the initiatives together for a new fall plan.
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Eva Jannelli
 - Met on June 1st to begin pulling the data and ideas together
 - Met with administration to find a way to turn this work into policy
 - PTO Report
 - No report this evening
5. New Business
- Clarify vote from last meeting out of executive session
 - Motion – Consistent with the discussion in last week’s Executive Session, we reject the hiring committee’s recommendation for the Director of Instruction position. EA 1st, AA 2nd
 - Approved unanimously, with ER abstaining.
 - Brief discussion regarding an organizational chart for review to prepare for the reposting of the Director of Instruction role.
 - Board member terms. Anamaria Anagnostou will serve another 3-year term. The terms of Paul Brooks and Rodrigo Torres will be discussed in the nominating committee.
6. Good of the school
- Excellent end of the year
7. Adjourn EA 1st and AA 2nd
- 6:52PM



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NOTE: These Agenda Items may not be considered in sequence. Pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* § 10004(e)(2), this Agenda may be changed to include additional items, including executive sessions, or to delete items that arise at the time of the meeting.

Initial Agenda Posted: June 9, 2021 at www.odysseycharterschooldel.com/

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Topic: OCS Monthly Board Meeting - Public Session

Time: June 16, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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